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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Industries (A) Department NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No.4/2025/ID
S. R. O. No. 161/2025

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 14th February, 2025
2nd Kumbham 1200

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 issued by notification under G. O. (P) No.16/2015/ID. dated 7th February, 2015 and published as S.R.O. No. 72/2015 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 288 dated 7th February, 2015, namely:-



RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*-(1) These Rules may be called the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of the Rules.– In Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015,-

(1) In sub rule (1) of Rule 2,-

(i) after clause (iii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(iii) (a). "Competent Agency" means the Agency notified by the Government for providing service using Drone and LiDAR technology as required by the Competent Authority;"

(ii) after clause (vi), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(vi) (a). "Drone – "LiDAR Survey Report" means the report generated using Drone and LiDAR technology;"

(2) After Chapter VIII, the following Chapter shall be inserted, namely:-

"CHAPTER VIIIA" SUBMISSION OF DRONE-LiDAR SURVEY REPORT

88A. *Submission of Drone-LiDAR Survey report.*-(1)After scrutiny of the documents and site inspection, the applicant for quarrying permit or quarrying lease shall submit the Drone –LiDAR survey report regarding the reserve of the mineral in the applied area as estimated by the Competent Agency prior to the grant of Letter of Intent:

Provided that, if the applied area is not virgin, the extracted quantity shall also be included in the Drone – LiDAR survey report.

(2). Quarrying permit holders and quarrying lease holders, including the existing quarrying permission holders, shall submit the Drone –LiDAR survey report at the time of submission of scheme of mining and mine closure plan or any other situation as warranted by the competent authority:

Provided that, if the competent authority insists for Drone –LiDAR Survey in a situation other than scheme or progressive/final mining closure plan submission, it shall be with the prior approval of the Government.

(3). Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the Drone –LiDAR survey report is not required for the applications and concessions for laterite (building stone), ordinary earth, ordinary sand, ordinary clay, silica sand, lime shell, which are having an area less than 50 ares.



(4). Every applicant for Drone – LiDAR survey shall pay the fee in advance for the said survey at the rate specified in the Table below, namely:-

Table-1: Rate of fee for Drone-LiDAR Survey

Area of the Quarry	Rate of Fees (Excluding GST) (Rs.)
Upto 2 Hectares	1,25,000/-
Above 2 Hectares to 5 Hectares	1,45,000/-
Above 5 Hectares to 8 Hectares	1,65,000/-
Above 8 Hectares to 10 Hectares	1,85,000/-
Above 10 Hectares	2,20,000/-

In addition to the above rate of fees, if the applied area has waterlogged portion, the applicant shall pay the fee specified in the Table below, namely:-

Table-2 Rate of fee for waterlogged area

Area of Waterlogged portion	Rate of Fees (Excluding GST) (Rs.)
Upto 0.5 Hectares	30,000/-
Above 0.5 Hectares to 2 Hectares	40,000/-
Above 2 Hectares	60,000/-

By order of the Governor,

A P M MOHAMMED HANISH,
Principal Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Ministry of Mines, Government of India vide D. O. letter No.16/53/2019 – M.VI. Dated 11.10.2019 insisted that the State should use drone technology for the regulation and monitoring of mining activities. The Government have examined the matter and found that measurements with regards to volume of minerals existed as resource in a quarry as well as the volume of minerals mined out from a quarry are very important in preventing the revenue loss and environmental deterioration. In order to bring transparency to the existing system of estimation and to achieve the above said goal, the Government have now decided to introduce the Drone-LiDAR Survey Technology and for the said purpose to amend the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 suitably.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

